



State of Utah

SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

Department of Natural Resources

BRIAN C. STEED
Executive Director

Division of Wildlife Resources

J. SHIRLEY
Division Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Proposed rule amendments to add general-season any bull and spike bull elk to the big game application, and address max point permits. (R657-62)**

Over the past few years, the demand to hunt in Utah has increased for general-season any bull and spike bull elk. This has caused an overload to the license sales system which has led to slower processing times and frustration for our hunters.

Based on these factors and others, the Division of Wildlife Resources would like to recommend placing all general-season any bull elk and spike bull elk into the big game drawing for a one year trial period.

The Division will come back to the RAC and board in 2022, after gathering all the data and working closely with the elk committee and recommend a long term solution for our general-season elk permits.

The Division would like to recommend another proposal to help move more max point applicants through the draw system. Currently we offer 50% of our limited-entry and once-in-a-lifetime permits to our max point applicants. And the other 50% goes to the other applicants.

To help move our max point applicants through the draw system, the Division would like to recommend an increase the percentage we offer to our max point applicants up to a 60/40 ratio.

